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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments/Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.